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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans Launches New Thruway Bus Service to Popular Desert Destinations

**SACRAMENTO** – Today, Caltrans announced the expansion of its Amtrak California Pacific Surfliner® service to the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley via Amtrak Thruway Bus. This new, dedicated bus service connects the Fullerton train station and several prime destinations, including Riverside, Cabazon, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, La Quinta and Indio.

“Caltrans has now connected its Pacific Surfliner train passengers with a convenient way to travel to popular desert entertainment, shopping and recreation destinations,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “We encourage people to consider this alternative when traveling to the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley.”

Thruway Bus service is provided exclusively to train passengers as an extension of Amtrak California's rail service seven days a week.

For travel information and to book your next trip, visit [AmtrakCalifornia.com](http://AmtrakCalifornia.com), or call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

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